

# THE SCOTT COUNTY NEWSBOY.

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## It Will Be Warm.

County Court meets next Monday and the question of the division of the offices of circuit clerk and recorder will be settled. While there is very little being said, there is considerable feeling about this matter, and the action of the court will be closely watched. It is believed that the judges are not favorable to the separation, and one of them has already expressed that he will consider all who are not on the petitions as against it. We see no justice in such a stand. We have no idea how many signatures are to the petition, but it is very clear that all the people have not had an opportunity to sign it, and it is more than probable that the petitions have not been presented to more than half of the taxpayers of our county.

If there is any opposition to the division of these offices, then why is there no remonstrance? The fact is, there are only a few who are opposed to the separation, and these few are known as the "influential," and consider themselves capable of influencing the court, regardless of petitions or the will of the people. But this influential business has about come to a close, and two or three men can no longer dictate the affairs of Scott County. Our people are opposed to the centralization of power and the building up of a monopoly. By the time the Newsboy appears again we will be able to tell our readers whether or not our county court is in favor of one man monopolizing two offices—and paying offices at that.

## FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Prosecuting attorney Moore was here shaking hands with friends. Frank Hiles is making desks for the primary class. Quite a large attendance at St. Lawrence's church Sunday, including some Oran folks. Geo. Meir was out Sunday, and we were glad to see him half and hearty. A storm of the cyclone type passed near town Tuesday.

Health in this vicinity is mostly good, but we see Dr. Freeling on his rounds now and then. The rain has done the crops and garden truck a heap of good.

The Kelo-Hamburg-Benton star route has undergone a change. The Kelo mail goes to Cape Girardeau, while New Hamburg connects with Benton through George Gerst, who leaves New Hamburg at noon and Benton at 3 o'clock p. m. This leaves us without the morning papers—quite a disadvantage.

The Cape Brewery gave our people an object lesson in beer the other day, and on Tuesday came the Black Beer, which is not being allowed to spoil by neglect.

Miss Ida Gerst, daughter of Geo. Gerst, is down with pneumonia. News is scarce. Our busy farmers don't stop long enough in town these days to tell you anything.

## The Good Man and His Flock.

A country minister in a certain town took permanent leave of his congregation in this pathetic manner: "Brothers and sisters, I come to say good-bye. I don't think God loves this church, because none of you ever die. I don't think you love each other, because I never marry any of you. I don't think you love me because you have not paid my salary. Your donations are mostly fruit and wormy apples, and by their fruit ye shall know them. Brothers, I am going away to a better place. I have been called to be a chaplain of a penitentiary. Where I go I cannot come, but I go to prepare a place for you, and may the Lord have mercy on your souls. Good bye."—New Bedford Gazette.

## Mississippi County's Primary.

The following were nominated at Mississippi County's primary last Saturday: Paul B. Moore, Representative; T. Clarkson, Circuit Clerk; Enoch Bell, County Clerk; F. M. Slotts, Collector; Joe F. Martin, Sheriff; Geo. S. Elliott, Prosecuting Attorney; W. T. Marshall, President County Court; P. A. Hatten and R. A. Barry, Associate Judges of the County Court; W. Clark Russell, Judge of Probate. The vote was very large and the election was a quiet one. The ticket will be elected virtually without opposition in November.

Two choice mares for sale, will work well anywhere. Just the animals for family use. Cash or good notes. W. C. LAMBERT, Benton, Mo.

Heisserer & Miller have the celebrated brush soap—a combination of the best tar soap and a brush. It has no rival and no equal.

The rain of Monday night was much needed and warmly welcomed. Everything now looks fresh and full of life. To the melon farmers that rain was worth thousands of dollars.

C. F. Bonnefont and Albert De Reignt contemplate occupying portions of their new residences in a week or thereabouts.

J. M. Leftwich was in Sikeston Saturday and Sunday. Monday and Tuesday his enemy, La Grippe, took charge of him.

A man who could start from the river, say on Thursday morning, with a load of fish, drive to Kelo, thence to New Hamburg, thence to Benton and back home—or reverse that route—would have no difficulty in disposing of his load at good prices. Here is an opening for somebody.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tanner, of Sikeston, on Sunday last a fine girl. Dr. C. O. Harris is the proud grandpa living.

## FROM ORAN.

Miss Lucy Taylor, of Macedonia, came down on the train to Oran last Monday.

"The King's Children" gave a picnic on the grounds near McGraws Tuesday last.

Rev. Reeves is in Kentucky at this writing and Rev. Howie, of Morley, filled his appointment here Sunday. These two gentlemen will go together to the Baptist convention at Dallas, Texas next week.

Rev. Emory, of Jackson, was booked for a sermon last Sunday night but failed to come until Monday. He and Presiding Elder Moore came up from Morley on the local.

Rev. Kennedy preached a good sermon on missions Sunday night. He claims (and we think truly) that the religion of this country is a result of missionary work.

A. J. Horn and wife attended the baptizing at Morley last Sunday evening.

Your scribe will build an office adjoining the one he occupies at present. The work will begin next week.

Joe Bowman, of Charleston, came up Monday and began the canvassing and paper hanging in the Catholic church.

W. H. Stubblefield will build an addition to his residence in the near future.

Your scribe failed to attend the meeting of the Southeast Missouri Medical Association last Tuesday on account of business.

L. P. Howie fell Monday on a garden rake and three of the teeth of same passed nearly through his hand. He is now laid up for repairs.

Judge Legrand fell Monday night and was hurt seriously enough to send for medical aid. Dr. Freeling, of Benton, was called.

Mrs. Kettel, of Cape Girardeau, is visiting Mrs. Pete Dieringer.

Mr. Pigg, of Blodgett, will assist Joe Bowman in the work on the Catholic church.

Beach Stubblefield went to St. Louis last Sunday.

Albert Crenshaw, the mill man of Charleston, was here Tuesday.

Mr. Marks, of Sikeston, has rented the room occupied by your scribe and will put dry goods and clothing in same.

## BEHIND THE BARS.

A fellow calling himself John Clayton, who was in trouble some time ago for obtaining goods under false pretenses at Morley, worked about three weeks for Charley Profit, and on the night of the 24th ult. broke into Charley's trunk, stole ten dollars, five from a trunk overcoat, borrowed all the loose change in sight and pulled for Illinois. Charley followed him in the morning, but lost track of him beyond the river. Last Tuesday he and Constable Welch had better luck, and ran down their man at Villa Ridge, Ill. He came back with them without the formality of a requisition papers, being seemingly of opinion that the less the Springfield authorities knew about him the better for himself. He was taken before Squire Cannon and his examination set for today (Friday.) We understand that he was to have been married on the day of his capture. If so, the would-be bride had a lucky escape.

Parties in need of stock peas can secure them at the store of Anderson Bros., Commerce, the next few days on favorable terms, as they need the warehouse room.

Miss Daisy Leedy is visiting in Sikeston.

Benton was represented at the Oran ball by five couples.

Tom Carroll is serving an eight days term in jail for disturbing the peace of the citizens of Sandywoods. As will be seen by perusal of Ordinance 20 in this issue, our town Board does not propose to invite a pestilence by the permission of nuisances which the law empowers them to abate. Neglect on the part of parties notified to rectify sanitary defects on their property will lead to summary proceedings under this emergency ordinance, for the heated term is close at hand and delay means danger.

## The Pleasures Of Toil

are unknown to many thousands in the world's grand army of toilers. It's because so few of them labor with their heads as well as with their hands. Thinking pays; ideas are so much capital. What are your ideas about grass-cutters? You've heard about

## The McCormick No. 4 Steel Mower

It's an ideal machine. There are more good ideas about its construction than can be found in any other mower. Probably that's why its sales are so enormous. It has the best foot-lift to be found on any mower is fitted with the McCormick cold rolled finger bar, and will stand the severest tests possible to a grass-cutter. Guaranteed to work where others fail. It's a light draft mower, and it's durable. It's an easy winner of field trials. It's a really valuable mower in more ways than can be enumerated here—and it costs but little more than a "cheap" machine. The Illustrated McCormick Catalogue shows the special merits of this mower. Write for it to-day. Send no money. McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., CHICAGO, ILL.

MATTHEWS, STUBBLEFIELD & Co., Agents, ORAN, MO.

**'Sure, and it's the trooth ol'm tellin' yoz, Mrs. McManahan, Didn't I thry it meself!**

**Spent me Good Money runnin' to the City afihur**

**WHEN BARGAINS!**

**MATTHEWS, STUBBLEFIELD & Co.**

**Were sellin' chaper thin the chapest o' thim city fellers right here in Oran. It's meself thet's thro' with that way o' foolin' away me hard-earned dollars. 'T isn't the hen thet cackles the loudest that lays the biggest egg. Trade with thim if yez want to save. Warm, aint it, mum. It looks a leedle like rain, mum. So long, mum.**

## FROM DIEHLSTADT.

There is no news of any account to chronicle this week, but the rain has done us lots of good and the melons are humping themselves.

Edgar Swank, of near Price's Landing, lost a child by diphtheria on Monday and has another sick with the same disease, while Uncle Ike Acres has been down since March 15th. We are all uneasy, as several children in this neighborhood have been exposed to the dreaded pest.

Mrs. C. C. Poe is down with heart trouble, but is somewhat better than at first.

Squires Kirkpatrick and Watts each laid court a couple of days, and had quite a large attendance.

Silas White, Joe Moore, Geo. Elliott, Milo Crenshaw, Frank Moore and Tom Hinkle were all here this week. Politics and law, of course.

David Hindman and a Mrs. Smiley were married here Tuesday. K.

## OFF FOR CALIFORNIA.

ED. NEWSBOY: I left St. Louis on the evening of the 26th ult., breakfasted next morning at St. Joseph, thence on to Lincoln, Neb., traveling all day through a prairie country of rich soil in the eastern part but poor, sandy almost uninhabitable soil in the western portion—the staple crops being corn and wheat in both sections. Arrived in Denver on the morning of the 28th, and took in the lions of that city of 110,000 inhabitants, seeing Manhattan Beach and the Elitch Garden. Thence to the Grant Smelting works—about the largest in the United States—where they turn out gold, silver, lead and iron. Sunday we had an excursion on the narrow gauge of the Union Pacific, through the canon from Golden to Georgetown, Silver Plume and Graymount—a distance of 47 miles—along Clear Creek, through the canon and over the loop of the Union Pacific, which forms a horse shoe, climbing up Pike's Peak. Golden is 5,000 feet up and by traveling 47 miles you get 7,000 feet higher—the distance from Georgetown to Silver Plume being only 11 miles by wagon road, but 5 miles by rail. We walked to the top of Graymount—12,000 feet above sea level, mountains covered with snow, very cold and the air very light and hard to breathe. Saw much "placer" mining along Clear Creek—the miners being mostly Chinamen and told animals Spanish buros. Got back to Denver at 8 p. m. and leave for Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Salt Lake City. Will be heard from next week. B. F. MARSHALL.

Hall and Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive St., St. Louis.

E. Daugherty's store at Morley was burglarized Tuesday night, the safe blown open and \$21 in money, two watches and a dozen chains taken—altogether about \$60 loss. The tools had been stolen from Lawrence's shop. Most of the papers in the safe were found up the railroad. No clue to the burglars.

Mrs. James Walker has been somewhat poorly this week.

The army worm is reported in this neighborhood. Look out for him and dig his grave.

George Mier returned from Hot Springs last Saturday, much benefited by his sojourn.

The convention held at Cape Girardeau on last Saturday endorsed Marsh. Arnold for Congress and the delegates chosen are for Carrington for State Superintendent of Schools.

Go to Heisserer & Miller's for Groceries, Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes. The stock is always fresh and up with the times.

## FROM LUSK'S CHAPEL.

Our country is now clothed in the verdant green of Springtime. The present warm and sunny weather has put new energy in our farmers. Most of them are done planting corn. Wheat looks well; prospects are for a good crop.

The river is low and no prospects for a flood this year. Some say our big levees have saved it back. At any rate the farmers feel safe and are putting out large crops.

J. M. Crow, our school teacher, paid Poplar Bluff a visit last Saturday.

Some of our people took advantage of the cheap rates and went to Fredricktown on the 26th ult.

Two of our citizens, seeking each other's gore last week, were out before a Diehlstadt justice yesterday to square accounts. One came clear while the other was fined one dollar and costs.

Who says our country is not in "de push." We have a Sunday school, prayermeeting, and a plug base ball team. If a fellow can't have a good time and see fun here it will be because he shuts his eyes when he laughs.

The fox hunters are out on a chase. One is on a horse that raced in Oklahoma and won 100 acres of land. He says he is going to see where the dogs go. We think he is off his base and in place of seeing where the dogs go he will do well to stay in hearing, but then fox hunters are like fishers—they always have big stories to tell about the chase. Col. Brown is the best on the chase and the other fellows try to head him off, but the Colonel is a slick duck and is always ahead. The boys say they feel sorry for Geo. Christman, for "old whitey" is not at home and he can't "go there" on a mule.

Mr. Hinkle, of Oran, was with us this week. He is working on his petition to divide the offices of circuit clerk and recorder. Mr. Hinkle seems to be a nice man and we believe he will get most of our people on his petition.

Chas. Hicks while loading some stove wood blocks in a wagon last week got his hand mashed, and it is feared that he will lose some of his fingers if not his hand.

A child of Mr. Mrs. Edgar Swank died Monday of diphtheria.

## AMICUS.

What Heisserer & Miller don't have in stock they will get for you on very short notice. They are supplying quite a number of our citizens with furniture at city prices. You pick from the illustrated catalogue—they do the rest.

The ball at Oran Wednesday night was a success in the fullest meaning of the word. The balls at that place are gaining an enviable pre-eminence for good management, good music and a good time in general. While there have been larger attendances than on Wednesday night, no nicer company ever danced in Ashley's Hall, and everybody enjoyed it to the full.

The Benton brick yard is about ready to mould brick, the preliminary work being almost completed.

Geo. Wright, the hustling Kelo merchant, has gone to Colorado in search of health. We hope he will return enjoying that boop.

Saturday night or Sunday morning the liquor warehouse attached to Compas' saloon was entered by thieves, who pried open the door and abstracted a quantity of whisky. No clue was obtained to the perpetrators of the robbery.

Mrs. Gotherier has moved to Kelo, where her son, Fritz, is running the blacksmith shop.

Joe Compas has moved into Mrs. Gotherier's house.

## Ordinance, No 20.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the inhabitants of the village of Benton as follows:

Whereas, complaint has been made to the Board of Trustees of the village of Benton that the health of the inhabitants of said village is in danger of being seriously affected by certain open cellars, vaults, privies and pools now filled with stagnant water and noxious filth, and

Whereas upon examination by this Board, it is found that said complaint is well founded and said Board having furthermore found that upon due examination the said open cellars, cesspools, privies and pools are noxious, stinking, offensive, deleterious and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants of the village of Benton, the same are hereby declared to be a nuisance requiring speedy removal.

It is therefore ordered and ordained by the Board of Trustees of the village of Benton that every person having charge, control, possession or ownership of the premises where said nuisances, to-wit: said open cellars, ponds, pools, and privies are situated and to be found by notified by the chairman of the Board of Trustees immediately upon the passage of this ordinance of the existence of such nuisance upon their respective premises and that such person receiving such notice shall within five days after the date of receiving such notice, remove such nuisance as may be specified in said notice, and that said notice shall specify that such nuisance shall be removed by the party notified within five days after the date of receiving such notice. Upon the failure of any person to remove such nuisance, the nuisance specified in such notice after having received the same within the time specified, the chairman of the Board of Trustees shall cause the town marshal to remove such nuisance as speedily as the same can be done and render an itemized account of the expenses of the same for each such nuisance, and the person upon whose premises the labor of removing such nuisance was performed and present such account to the person having charge of the same for payment, and upon a refusal of such person or persons to pay the same, the chairman of the Board shall cause such account to be filed with a justice of the peace of Moreland township or before any justice of the peace having jurisdiction of the person owning or controlling said property where such nuisance was removed, in the name of the village of Benton, and receive judgment for the same, and upon receiving judgment before such justices, the chairman shall cause a transcript of the same to be filed with the circuit clerk of Scott County, Missouri, and if such judgment be not paid, cause an execution to issue out of said circuit clerk's office against the property where such nuisance was performed and cause the same to be sold as in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, the immediate removal of the nuisances mentioned is imperative an emergency exists, and this ordinance shall therefore be in force from and after the passage thereof and a copy of this ordinance with the notice aforesaid delivered to the person having such nuisance on his premises.

Passed and approved this 1th day of May, 1894.

PHIL A. HAFNER, Ch'm.

JAS. McPHEETERS, Clerk.

There was quite a pleasant social party at Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stone's residence Friday night of last week.

Don't forget that the Basket Dinner at Cross Plains church takes place tomorrow.

A year ago April was the thunder month—hardly a day passing free from it. May takes the storms this year, it would seem.

## FROM BLODGETT.

Joe Winchester was in town last week. William Tanner, of Sikeston, was in town Wednesday.

Judge Jno. E. Marshall went to Fredericktown Wednesday on business.

Assessor Fizer, of Morley, was in town one day last week. We understand he is candidate for reelection to the same office.

Miss Mary Clayton, of Morley, who has been visiting the Misses Anderson of this vicinity, returned to her home last Thursday.

Harry Watkins, of Oran, was in town over Sunday visiting his parents. His two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Stubbs and Tullie Watkins accompanied him back to Oran to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Henry Schroeder, the I. M. railroad agent, went on a fishing excursion the first of the week. Henry reports having had an enjoyable time.

Randal Thurman, formerly of this place but late of St. Louis, St. Paul and Helena, Mont., is in town for a stay of a few months. We think he is likely to remain until water-melons are ripe, as he is a great lover of water-melons, possum and sleep, three of the greatest luxuries known to the people of this age.

A young man of this place went to Diehlstadt Sunday and upon returning late that evening became frightened and tried to drive through the slough and lake, and, of course, became entangled in the grass and his horse mired in the mud. He remained in that sad condition until some of his friends came to his rescue and pulled him out. The poor boy arrived home at 8 a. m. Monday morning—a sadder but wiser youth was he. He says he does not care to repeat the experience.

The amateur Dramatic Company of this place will give an entertainment in the near future. We understand it is a good play and no doubt they will make a good showing as the company contains some good material.

F. H. Reddick went to Cape Girardeau Sunday via the overland route. Frank says it is much more enjoyable than going by the above route than by rail, also much cheaper. The rig costs him \$3 per day and the railroad fare is only one-half of the above. We fail to see the cheapness.

Prof. Arbaugh, of Commerce, was in town Friday last. S. & S.

## SOUTHEAST NOTES.

Friday morning of last week burglars tried to blow open the Charleston postoffice safe. They failed to reach the contents, but wrecked the office pretty badly. Bungling burglars, evidently.

Truants from the Charleston public school—the larger boys and girls—were found playing cards in the basement of the Christian church.

Miss Mattie Martin, of Hibbard, is a graduate of the St. Louis School of Pharmacy. Bravo!

An eight-year-old boy was killed by the cars at Charleston—another case of fooling on and around moving trains.

Latest reports from Lutesville indicate a two-thirds crop of strawberries. Butler county reports almost a full crop.

The Poplar Bluff Citizen is down on mass conventions. The sample they had over there is certainly not in their favor.

Poplar Bluff is reaching out for a flour mill.

Bro. J. T. Kendall attended the general conference of the M. E. church south at Memphis. How he secured his election as delegate is a matter of notoriety.

The concert given by amateurs at Cape Girardeau on the 23rd ult. was a further proof of that city's fine musical talent.

The Cape Normal and Charleston base ball teams are crying "Come on if you dare" to each other.

De Soto has a Humane Society.

Wm. Peyton, a brakeman on the Iron Mountain, was killed by the cars Tuesday of last week near De Lassus. He had been married only about three weeks.

Farmington has one fire engine and wants another. That's the way to insure.

Frank Byington, of Farmington, the sweetheart of Laura Cunningham, whose suicide was noticed in this column last week, killed himself in the same manner as the girl on the 22nd ult. He said: "I want to go where she is."

Several Southeast towns are adopting ordinances to keep boys off the streets after 9 o'clock p. m. That's a distinctly hopeful reform.

The De Soto Facts charges \$4 for publishing a Spring poem. Cheap, dirt cheap, Doc!

Senator Vest says he is willing to help New Madrid get an appropriation to complete her harbor.

The New Madrid mass convention was a big affair—quite one of the old-fashioned kind for numbers and enthusiasm.

The Madison County Democrat got out an Odd Fellows' edition last week in honor of Fredericktown's guests, which reflected much credit on the enterprise of its publishers.

Seen these charming Ladies' Hats at Heisserer & Miller's? They are not only pretty and in the latest styles, but much cheaper than in the fashionable city establishments.

## BASE BALL NOTES.

A Lively Game at Commerce. Cape Normal down the Local Club. Other Base Ball Prospects.

One of the liveliest ball games played in Scott County in a long time was called at 4 o'clock on Monday last on the fine grounds of the Commerce Club. A game had been arranged with the Normals, of Cape Girardeau, and at 3:30 the John F. Lincoln whistled for Commerce, and the Normal boys, accompanied by between 200 and 300 of the elite of Cape Girardeau, stepped off the boat to be greeted by a hearty greeting by the people of Commerce. The game was a great success for all on the bank was a sight for gods and men, and the gods sent a brisk shower of rain to lay the deep dust, that it might be more pleasant for the gay crowd.

Repeating to Sportsman's Park, a hotly contested game was witnessed by 500 or 600 people, the Normals winning by a score of 12 to 6—time, 1:45. The features of the game were a catch from center and throw to first by Sisco of the Normals, and a three-bagger to left by Bowen, of Commerce. And, pitcher for Commerce, was sick and did not go on the diamond.

The Commerce boys will play a return game with Pelee Wood's boys soon, and are confident with their pitcher in the box—that they will have no trouble in returning the compliment. The Newsboy, as usual, had a reporter on the spot to give its readers pointers on the national game, which makes its Southeast Missouri headquarters in the Newsboy office.

Diehlstadt is up to the eyes in the melon industry just at present, but will vindicate her possession of the medal in due time, without doubt.

The two mines at Sikeston did well last year, and we hope to hear from them ere long. Morley can't afford to occupy a back seat at ball while bawling for the county seat. Toe the line, please!

Blodgett reports a club of much promise, and we hope, also, of much performance.

Benton has got pretty good material, but our boys would rather work a week than play an hour—as is well known to men and angels. But the season is open, and this same month of May is the most cool and pleasant for practice. So pitch in—the dog-days are coming when no boy wants to play ball.

## "So They Were Married."

Wednesday witnessed the nuptials of Rev. R. L. Russell and Miss Inez daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Leftwich, of Benton. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion, and at 1:30 p. m., the seats were about all occupied by friends of the bride and groom. Rev. J. L. Batten, of Charleston, performed the marriage ceremony in quite an impressive manner, and the happy pair were warmly congratulated by their friends, whose best wishes follow the fair bride to her new home.

Miss Leftwich has been among the Benton people from childhood; has grown up to womanhood with the young folks of the town, has taught the younger ones in our public school and has been a favorite in all the relations of life. Mr. Russell was pastor of the church here for two years and won the respect of the people of Benton by his many qualities and faithful attention to his duties. He is now located at Thayer, Mo., where the newly wedded couple will make their home. They are spending the honeymoon with Mr. Russell's relatives in Tennessee. May all good fortune attend them.

## The Things We Prize Most

are not the gewgaws and gimcracks we gather about us. Every life, of course, has its sacred treasured things, but in this practical work-a-day world man is prone to value most those things which serve him best. Not much so in art is this, perhaps, but some are all the same.

## The McCormick Machine of Steel

takes first rank the world over. Hundreds of thousands of grain growers call it the best harvester and binder that ever went into a grain field, and they prize it accordingly. It isn't sentiment with them—it's just plain, old-fashioned common sense. They like it best because it serves them best. It costs more money than some harvesters, but that's because it's more valuable. Its advantages more than offset the added cost. The "Machine of Steel" is built to harvest the grain crop of the world, and to do it better than any other machine. Perhaps you may care to know more about this harvester. Our catalogue will tell you. McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., CHICAGO, ILL.

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